

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended and/or canceled, such amendments and/or cancellations are done without prejudice and/or waiver and/or disclaimer, and Assignee reserves the right to claim this subject matter in a continuing application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a scanner upper shell portion having an upper surface;

a light-emitting element disposed on said scanner upper shell surface;

a reflective plate disposed between said scanner upper shell surface and said light-emitting element, said reflective plate being adapted to reflect light emitted from said light-emitting element onto a first surface; and

an aperture formed on a first predetermined position on said reflective plate and positioned between the upper surface and the light-emitting element which is adjacent to a central part of said reflective plate to decrease said reflected light on a portion of said first surface.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light-emitting element comprises a lamp.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reflective plate substantially comprises an arc shape.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reflective plate substantially comprises a "U" shape.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aperture comprises a central part, a first end and a second end.
7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said aperture substantially comprises an elongated shape.
8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a spreading plate disposed between said light-emitting element and said reflective plate.
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said spreading plate includes a plurality of perforations.
10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said spreading plate is adapted to distribute at least a portion of the light emitted by said light emitting element.
11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further comprising: a protective plate disposed on said scanner upper shell surface for protecting said apparatus.
12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light-emitting element comprises a LED array.
13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a scanner lower shell-portion coupled to said scanner upper shell-portion.
14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said scanner upper shell-portion and said scanner lower shell-portion substantially comprise a scanning device housing.

15. (Currently Amended) A scanner component, comprising:

a reflective plate adapted to couple to a scanner, wherein the plate is ~~at least partially reflective,~~ and wherein includes a central part, wherein the plate has at least one aperture formed on a first predetermined position thereon which is adjacent to the central part of said reflective plate.

16. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein the plate is further adapted to couple to an upper portion of said scanner.

17. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein said aperture is adapted to not reflect the light produced by a light source of said scanner.

18. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein the plate is formed to have a substantially arc-shape.

19. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, further comprising at least two apertures formed on the plate.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a scanner ~~having an upper portion and a lower portion having an upper surface;~~
a light source disposed on the upper portion adapted to produce light; and
a reflective plate disposed on the upper surface and having comprising one or more apertures formed thereon ~~and disposed on the upper portion~~, said reflective plate being adapted to reflect at least a portion of the produced light from portions not including said one or more apertures formed thereon.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, and further comprising a spreading plate disposed on the upper portion adapted to distribute at least a portion of the produced light.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the reflective plate is formed to have a substantially arc-shape.
23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the reflective plate is formed to have a substantially U-shape.
24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, and further comprising two apertures formed on the reflective plate.
25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein at least a portion of the one or more apertures comprise a first end, a center portion and a second end, wherein the center portion of the aperture is wider than one of the first and second end.